



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

During the past week 6.7 days were suitable for field work. **Box Elder County** received .5 inches of rain in most areas and frost in some parts Sunday morning. **Cache County** reported cold temperatures throughout the week with heavy rains during the weekend. **Summit County** received cold evening temperatures and rain over the weekend. **Utah County** had wind and some rain showers. **Carbon County** had dry winds during the week.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County reports that non-irrigated alfalfa and dryland wheat are struggling while irrigated wheat is mostly in the boot stage with some early varieties heading out. Swathing and baling of hay is expected to continue. Crops have stalled in **Cache County** due to the cold weather while alfalfa weevil and grasshoppers are in abundance. Hay cutting is expected to start upon warm weather. Grasshoppers and crickets have also been a concern in Skull Valley and the Base at Dugway in **Tooele County**. **Beaver County** is also seeing grasshopper infestations. **Carbon County** reports drought stress on crops from continually dry conditions. **Duchesne County** has similar concerns and is expecting to cut hay this week. Farmers in **Summit County** are continuing to plant alfalfa and small grains. Plant growth has been slowed by cold temperatures.

Livestock Summary

Cattle are continuing to be turned out to summer pasture in **Box Elder County**. Sheep producers are reporting completion of docking and an overall good lambing season. Sheep and cattle in **Cache County** are still doing well but there is concern about limited plant growth in some areas for grazing. **Utah County's** range conditions are hurting from lack of rain. Concerns over desert winter range for next year are emerging in **Carbon County**, also from lack of rain. Summer pasture in **Duchesne County** is very dry. Although producers were able to move livestock to areas with grazing permits on time, some worry they will be required to bring them home early. In **Summit County** farmers continue to irrigate pasture.

Coming soon – NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Headed Stage	36	4	1	1
Oats Emerged	88	72	61	69
Spring Wheat Headed	19	3	1	1
Winter Wheat Headed	42	13	19	18
Corn Planted	96	84	57	81
Corn Emerged	58	44	22	49
Alfalfa First Cutting	21	16	4	11
Other Hay Cut	11	7	11	5

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	2	22	41	34	1
Spring Wheat	0	0	23	77	0
Winter Wheat	0	21	8	39	32
Barley	0	0	20	78	2
Oats	0	0	27	70	3
Corn	0	0	36	57	7
Sheep	0	0	2	77	21
Cattle/calves	0	0	5	74	21

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	46	36	36	38
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	28	28	24	37
Ewes Lambled on Range	90	83	92	93

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	12	38	50	0
Subsoil	9	47	44	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	27	66	0
Stock water supplies	10	22	68	0

Crop Development for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Corn Height	4	3	1	NA
Alfalfa Height	15	15	11	NA